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There is no day so dark But through the murk some ray of hope may steal, Some blowed touch from Heaven that we might feel If we but chose to mark,

We shut the portals fast, And turn the key and let no sunshine in, Yet to the worst despair that comes through sin God's light shall reach at last.

We slight our daily joy, Make much of our versitions, thickly set Our paths with thorns of discontent, and fret At our fine gold's alloy;

Till bequiteous Heaven might frown At such ingratitude, and turning, lay On our impatience burdens that would weigh Our aching shoulders down.

We shod too many teacs,

And eigh too wore, and yield ourselves to woe, Awif God had not planned the way we go And counted out our years. And lift our forehends from the ignoble dust

Of these complaining lives, and wait with trust, Fulfilling Heaven's intent? Must we have wealth and power. Fame, heauty, all things ordered to our mind? Nay, all these things lay happiness behind !

Accept the sun and shower. The humble joys that bless Appealing to indifferent hearts and cold With delicate touch, striving to reach and hold

Our hidden consciousness. And see how everywhere Love comforts, strengthens, helps and saves us all What opportunities of good befall

To make life aweet and fair.

# VARIETY.

There are just two things for which we are never prepared, and they are twins.

QUEER VERDICT .- A Western jury recently brought a verdict of "justifiable breach of prom-

Bow-LEGGED.-In Cincinnati there is said to live a man so bow-legged that he has his trousers cut with a circular saw. WHAT THEY CALL IT .- Straining honey is what

"We find that he came to his death from calling Bill. Jackson a liar," was the verdict of a

coroner's jury in Missouri. A lady in Fort Wayne has cards out for her silver, crystal and tin weddings, which occur on the same day. Her first two husbands (divorced) have received invitations, but perversely decline

A lady philosopher has arrived at the conclusion, that, although woman is justly blamed with having tempted man to cat forbidden things, he took to drinking of his own accord.

ARE THEY?-Are blacksmiths who make a living by forging, or carpenters who do a little counter-fitting, any worse than men who sell iron and steel for a living.

Another amendment to the Constitution is rendered necessary by the refusal of the colored barbers in Cincinnati to shave persons of their

A western reporter tried to take down in short hand his wife's lecture on the subject of "Late hours." The task overstrained his mind, and he sleeps with his fathers.

A man, in Indiana, on returning home from a business journey recently, found that his wife, during his absence, had raffled off all the furniture and departed, and the Sheriff arrested him

for allowing gambling on his premises. When a Kansas City girl who was clerk in a candy store, learned she had fallen heir to one hundred thousand dollars in England she refused to attend to customers and perched herself on the counter and chewed gum drops the rest of the day.

"How dare you," said a young snob, to a mechanic, as they were both crowding in one of Jenney Lind's concerts, " how dare you come to hear a nightingale without a shirt collar?" "How the deuce could I have a collar, when your mother has not sent home my washing?" was the reply.

His Concusion .- An Iowa country Squire concludes the marital knot ceremony thusly; "Them that the Court hath joined together let no man bust asunder; but suffer little children to come unto them; so help you God."

The most inspiriting sight a man can witness is one of the stout young ladies of the period dressed in a low neeked party dress with a hump upon her back. She's as pleasant to look at as a young pig prepared for the oven-soft, greasy, and naked NICE URCHIN .-- An Oil City boy, one of that class of urchins who seem sent upon the earth for the sole purpose of bringing pious, grown-up people to a recollection of the fact that this world is not their home, recently put some nitro-glycerine in his sister's bustle when she was going out

As a drunken man was staggering along the Bowery the other night, he saw street cars passing with different-colored lights, and gazing at the red, yellow, blue and green lamps, was heard soliloquizing, "I mus' get out o' this place. It's too sickly. They're running the drug stores around

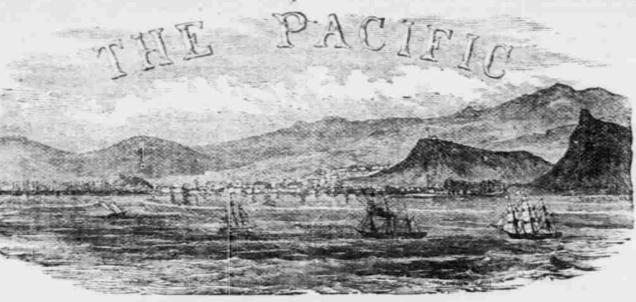
Sidney Smith made the quaint confession that, according to his computation, he had eaten and drank, between his tenth and seventieth year, about forty-four wagon loads more than he needed. How many people, dull-headed from such a cause, would be frank enough to confess as much?

The following conversation between two clever lawyers was overheard; "How does your client like it?" "Not overmuch; begins to complain of the expense." "Mine is all right; bound to fight it out. Can we manage to get the jury to disagree again?" "Don't know; we must work for "You'll get beat, of course, in the end; but you'll appeal, of course?" "Of course."

HER MISTAKE. - A Vallejo young lady, about to go off in the cars, stepped into the dark sittingroom of the depot to kiss her friend Sarah goodby. Owing to the darkness she didn't hit Sarah, but caromed on a Chinaman, and didn't find out the mistake until John began yelling: "Whatee for you so chokee me! Hi yah! No squeezee so muchee!" One yell, a flopping of feminine garments, a slammed door, and that girl was gone.

It is related that on a New York Central Railroad train, recently, two old ladies sat on adjoining seats in one of the cars; one declared if the conductor opened the window she would die, and the other protested against it being closed, for she would certainly smother to death. The conductor was in doubt, when a venerable gentleman exclaimed, "Open the window and kill one of them and then close it and kill the other, and then we shall have peace."

A man whom Dr. Chalmers engaged to manage a disorderly Sunday school kept his eyes wide open during praying, and when one boy thrust a pin into another he marched up the aisle, still praying, and cuffed that boy's cars, and went back again, praying all the way. After that he was master of the situation, for the boys thought that a man who could watch and pray like that could not be put down.



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